## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Referring to Fig. 1B, there is shown the LCD device of Fig. 1A in the open state of the housing wherein the rear housing members 18A are disposed for exposing therefrom the LCD unit. For fabrication of the LCD device, the housing is first prepared by coupling the front housing member 19A and the rear housing members 18A together by the coupling members 20. Then, the panel unit 38, the components of the backlight 37A, and the group of circuit boards 15 to 17 are consecutively mounted on the inner surface of the front housing member 19A, with the rear housing members 18A being opened as shown in Fig. 1B. In this step, the panel unit 38 is positioned with respect to a projection, or rib, formed on the front housing member 19A. Similar ribs are provided on the front housing member 19A for respective components, such as the optical guide plate, reflector etc. of the backlight [[17A]] 37A.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

the first embodiment in an exploded perspective view. It is to be noted that the front housing member 19A is shown at the bottom in Fig. 2. The structure of the front housing member 19A and the rear housing members [[18]] 18A will be described with reference to Fig. 3. The opposing sides of the front housing member 19A of a frame

shape are coupled to the rear housing members 18A each having an L-shape cross section by using coupling members 20 (Fig. 1B). The number of coupling members 20 for each rear housing member 18A may be two or more depending on the length of the rear housing member 18A. Alternatively, a single coupling member may be provided to extend along the whole length of the rear housing member 18A.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Back to Fig. 2, on the front housing member 19A of the housing with the rear housing member 18A being opened, the panel unit 38 is first mounted, with the flexible substrates 12 being in an extended state as shown in Fig. 15. At this stage, the panel unit retention ribs 22 formed on the four corners of the front housing member 19A are used for positioning the panel unit 30 with respect to the front housing member 19A.--